

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A thrust roller bearing, comprising:
a plurality of needle rollers; and
a cage holding said needle roller in a pocket for accommodating said
needle roller; wherein
5 a roller holding portion provided in said pocket has a length within
a range of 30% to 80% of a length in a radial direction of said pocket.
2. The thrust roller bearing according to claim 1, wherein
said roller holding portion is constituted of a plurality of roller
holding portions, and
a total length of the plurality of roller holding portions is within a
5 range of 30% to 80% of a length in a radial direction of said pocket.
3. The thrust roller bearing according to claim 1, wherein
said needle roller is constituted of multiple roller rows, and
a roller holding portion having a length smaller than that of the
needle roller is provided in respective one of said multiple roller rows.
4. The thrust roller bearing according to claim 1, wherein
said needle roller is constituted of multiple roller rows, and
multiple needle roller rows are held by one common roller holding
portion.
5. A cage holding a needle roller in a pocket for accommodating
said needle roller, wherein
a roller holding portion provided in said pocket has a length within
a range of 30% to 80% of a length in a radial direction of said pocket.
6. The cage according to claim 5, wherein
said roller holding portion is constituted of a plurality of roller
holding portions, and

5 a total length of the plurality of roller holding portions is within a range of 30% to 80% of a length in a radial direction of said pocket.

7. The cage according to claim 5, wherein
said needle roller is constituted of multiple roller rows, and
a roller holding portion having a length smaller than that of the
needle roller is provided in respective one of said multiple roller rows.

8. The cage according to claim 5, wherein
said needle roller is constituted of multiple roller rows, and
multiple needle roller rows are held by one common roller holding
portion.

9. The cage according to claim 5, wherein
a shape of the roller holding portion formed on a right edge and a
shape of the roller holding portion formed on a left edge of a window of said
pocket are asymmetrical to each other with respect to a central axis of the
5 window of said pocket.

10. A thrust roller bearing, comprising:
a plurality of rollers; and
a cage made of metal and holding said roller so as to sandwich the
same with an upper member and a lower member; wherein
5 a nitrocarburized case is formed to a depth in a range larger than
3 μ m and smaller than 100 μ m in a surface of said cage.

11. A thrust roller bearing, comprising:
a plurality of rollers; and
a cage made of metal and holding said roller so as to sandwich the
same with an upper member and a lower member; wherein
5 in said cage, a hardened case is formed to a depth in a range larger
than 3 μ m and smaller than 100 μ m in its surface,
said upper member and said lower member are superposed and bent

in at least one of a radially outer side end portion and a radially inner side end portion and subjected to caulking, and

10 a nitrocarburized case plastically deforms in the caulked portion.

12. The thrust roller bearing according to claim 10, further comprising a rolling bearing ring positioned so as to sandwich said roller and said cage and coming in contact with said roller.

13. The thrust roller bearing according to claim 11, further comprising a rolling bearing ring positioned so as to sandwich said roller and said cage and coming in contact with said roller.

14. The thrust roller bearing according to claim 10, wherein said roller is subjected to carb-nitriding treatment.

15. The thrust roller bearing according to claim 10, wherein said roller is constituted of multiple roller rows.

16. A cage holding a roller so as to sandwich the same with an upper member and a lower member; wherein
a hardened case is formed to a depth in a range larger than $3\mu\text{m}$ and smaller than $100\mu\text{m}$ in a surface portion of said cage.

17. A cage holding a roller so as to sandwich the same with an upper member and a lower member; wherein
a hardened case is formed to a depth in a range larger than $3\mu\text{m}$ and smaller than $100\mu\text{m}$ in a surface portion of said cage,

5 said upper member and said lower member are superposed and bent in at least one of a radially outer side end portion and a radially inner side end portion and subjected to caulking, and
said hardened case plastically deforms in the caulked portion.

18. A thrust roller bearing, comprising:

a plurality of rollers; and
an annular cage having a plurality of pockets for holding said
rollers respectively; wherein
5 an end face of each of said plurality of rollers is an F end face, and
end face accuracy is at most 30 μ m.

19. The thrust roller bearing according to claim 18, wherein
each of said plurality of rollers is arranged in each of said plurality
of pockets in a single row in a radial direction of said cage.

20. The thrust roller bearing according to claim 18, wherein
each of said plurality of rollers is arranged in each of said plurality
of pockets in multiple rows in a radial direction of said cage.